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REQUEST FOR TWO MONTHS TIME EXTENSION  
TO RESPOND TO OFFICE ACTION  
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Applicants hereby request that the time for response to the Office Action mailed October 1, 2003 be extended two months from November 1, 2003 to January 2, 2004 (the first business day following January 1, 2004).

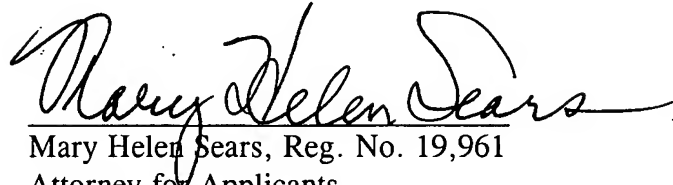
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A check to cover the two-month small entity extension fee of \$205.00 is appended  
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Respectfully submitted,

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